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a joyous bark, but he

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hears no loved voice or footstep, and he

And so the letter went on, full of love

We laid the body at the base of a vol-

and gossip and gossip and love, till it

ended with "Ever and forever, Dora."

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DEAD IN THE DESERT.

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY ALFRED R. CAL-



T WAS the 24th of December, 1870. I was at that time in charge of a division of engineers who were making a survey of the Mojave desert from the Needles on the Great Colorado to Los Angeles on the Pacific. For a month men had been eagerly looking

forward to spending the Christmas holidays in the beautiful town of San Bernardino, on the other side of the Sierras. On the 23d the wagons, pack mules and all the men, excepting three who remained back to complete some work with myself, crossed the range that separates the Mojave (pronounced Mohav-ee) desert from the flowering and fruitful paradise of southern California. For six weeks we had been working in the desert, running lines, taking plottine

night by the smoky light of dried creosote and sapless sage brush. At times we were sixty miles from the nearest water, and when obtained the water was alkaline. Many of our pack mules, maddened by thirst, broke their ropes and wandered further into the

Hard tack and bacon, and not too much of that, had been the only food of the men since we entered the desert, and so the most cheerful became grum, and the skin of the youngest grew dry and parched as that of a mummy.

We did our work in silence; even the officers came to speak in whispers, for our throats were dry and our lips cracked. Everything with moisture in it parched as if in a furnace.

The alkali on the level expanses looked like dazzling snow. The fantastic hills and mesas were crumbling and burning up in the forceful and persistent fires of oxidation. And amid all this the mirage would appear to mock us with lakes and streams in which were reflected the spires, domes and minarets of grand oriental cities, such as might have been built by the genii of architecture.

It was half past 5 in the afternoon and we hoped to reach the pass by dark, where fresh horses would carry us to the town before midnight and Christmas

As our horses staggered on, we saw three vultures rising from a dark object a little to the right. A glance through my field glass revealed the outlines of a prostrate man and horse, stretched out side by side.

Years of this wild life had accustomed us to such sights. Yet as our hearts were full of thoughts of the joyous Christmas days of the past and of the rest, fresh food and water for bathing, which we were to enjoy on the morrow, there was something inexpressibly sad in the presence of death at such a time and at the foot of the purple mountains,

beyond which lay Eden. We reined in our thin, panting horses and dismounted. In that atmosphere no organic substance decays-it shrivels up and becomes as hard and indestructible as the glistening volcanic rocks that surround it; but enough remained to tell us that the horse had once been a noble creature, and the saddle and equipments were such as the wealthy Mexicans of outhern California delight in.

The man was of medium beight, and the carbine, pistols and knife, still belted about his shrunken waist, indicated ability to resist. He was young. The long, dark hair and the silky mustache,

through which the white teeth gleamed, and found \$200 in gold, the titles to a desert. lot of California mining lands made out to one "Louis Bolton," and a bundle of

etters tied with a blue ribbon. In the middle of the bundle there were two vignettes—one that of a sweet faced, motherly lady, the other that of a beautiful girl, the name "Dora" at the bottom of the picture being surrounded by a delicately painted wreath of forget-

These letters were dated at "The Elms," but, as the envelopes were destroyed, there was nothing to indicate the town, state or land. One read as of his ready money had been stolen six

dated Christmas eve, a year before:
"My Darling Boy—I think of you at all times, but on Christmas eve you fill my heart so that I can think of nothing has come to cheer me, I fear I could not health and prosperity as the church bells stand it. 'Where is my Louis tonight?' This question haunts me, and I picture you out in the deserts of that wild land, homeless and friendless, still hunting for gold. Ah, my boy, come back! Better poverty than this awful anxiety. But we cannot be poor where there is so

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The public is always reponsive to suggestions about the food it eats. Great interest has been taken in the investigations made by the United States and Canadian governments and by the different boards of health to show the purity or impurity of milk, baking powders, spices, and other articles of daily use in the culinary department of our house-

Just now the subject of baking powder is claiming public attention. We all desire pure and wholesome bread and this cannot be had with the use of impure or poisoneus bak-ing powder. There can be no longer any question that all the cheaper lower grades of baking powders con-tain either alum, lime or phosphatic

The official analyses by the United States and Canadian governments have therefore been studied with interest and have pretty clearly established the facts upon this sub-ject. The United States govern-ment report gives the names of eighteen well-known powders, some of them alvertised as pure cream of tartar baking powders, that contain

The report shows that the Royal baking powder was found the highest in leavening strength, evolving 160.6 cubic inches of gas per single cunce of powder. There were eight other brands of cresm of tarter powderstested and their average strength was 111.5 cubic inches of gas per

pubce of powder. The Canadian government investigations were of a still larger num-ber of powders. The Royal baking powder was here also shown the purest and highest in strength, containing 120 32 cubic inches of leavening gas per ounce of powder. Nine other cream of tartar powders were tested, their average strength being reported to be 89 cubic inches of gas

These figures are very instructive o the practical housekeeper. They ndicate that the Royal baking pow der goes more than 33 per cent, further in use than the others, or one-third more economical. Still more important than this, however, ti ey prove this popular article has of purity-for to its superlative due-and consequently that by its use we may be insured the purest and most wholesome food,

Tre powders of ower strength are found to leave large amounts of inert mutters in the food. This fact is emphasized by the report of the Ohio State Food Commissioner, who while finding the Royal practically pure, found no other powder to conain less than 10 per cent, of inert or

tion has likewise caused to be made investigations by our local authorities. Prof. W. S. Haines, of Rush Medical College, consulting chemist of the Chicago Board of Health, has found results similar to those reported by the national and Canadian authorities. Dr. Haines says:

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a novel by Rudyard Kipling, the famous author of "Flain Tales from the Hills," written in colloration with an American writer, Wolcott Balestier. It is the story of a young man and a young woman from a "booming" Colorado town, who go to India, he is search of a wonderful jeweled necklace, called "the Naulahka" (from which the story takes its name), and she as a physician to women. The novel describes their remarkable adventures at the court of an Indian maharajah. Besides this, The Century will print three other novels during the year, and a great number of short stories by the best American story-writers. number of short stories by the best American story-writers.

The well-known humorist Edgar W. Nye, "Bill Nye") is to write a series of amusing skerches which he calls his 'autobiography, of a Justice of the Feace." is in November. This number also contained a valuable and suggestive article on "The Food-Supply of the Future." which every farmer should read, to be followed by a number of others OF GREAT PRACTICAL VALUE TO FARMER

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A celebrated Spanish writer is to furnish a "Life of Columbus," which will be brilliantly illustrated, and the publishers of The Century have arranged with the managers of the World's Fair to print articles on the buildings, etc.

One of the novels to appear in 1892 is A STORY OF NEW TOOMMANDERS," and the magazine will contain a great deal about the metropolis during the year,—amon other things a series of libustrated articles of "The Jews in New York." In November an illustrated description of "The Player and Illustrated description of "The Playe

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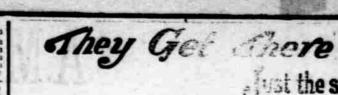
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A WEDDING PRESENT en wherever one turned. From the wide parlors came the rythmic fall of feet and the swell of music.

Here was Eden, but on asking the landlord the reason for these festivities, "It is a wedding. Mr. Louis Bolton, whose bride and mother reached here

yesterday from the east, was married to-"Louis Bolton?" I repeated, and I told this. We opened the saddlebags thought of the dead man out on the "Yes; here he is. Let me introduce him."
The landlord introduced me to a tall,

handsome young man, and I at once took him to my room and showed him the arms and saddlebags. As so on as he saw the titles, he threw his arms about my neck, and to my surprise he kissed me and shouted: "You have brought a wedding p

that makes me rich, rich as any honest man wants to be!" Briefly, Mr. Bolton's papers and much months before by a Mexican desperado named Guan Chauz. The man was chased into the desert where he perished and so my sympathy was wasted I met the dear mother, and I met "Dora" that night, and I drank to their

rang in Christmas day. From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd of Grotan, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in consump-The letter continued at length in this vein, and it ended, "With love and kisses and blessings from Mother."

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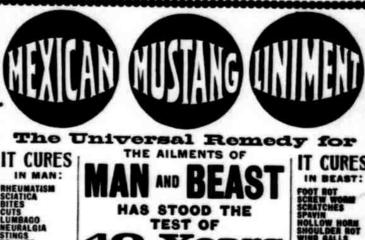
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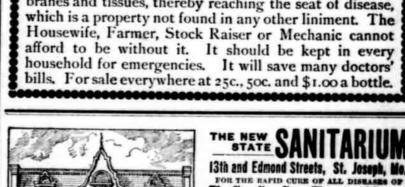
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